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Dear Mr. Cristol:

Your letter of February 3, 1999, to Mr. Joseph Levitt, Director of the Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition has been directed to me for response. In your letter, you state the National Association of Margarine Manufacturers is aware that the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is intending to issue a proposal on the declaration of *trans* fatty acids in the nutrition label. You urge FDA to provide for the separate label declaration of *trans* fatty acids.

Thank you very much for your letter. FDA appreciates your input as we are in the process of developing a proposed rule on the labeling of *trans* fatty acids. We will forward your letter to the docket on this rulemaking and will carefully consider your recommendation.

Sincerely yours,

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